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SENATE FILE 2108
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of lasix to race horses,
2 and subjecting violators to a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99D.25A, subsections 6, 7, and 8, Code
2 Supplement 1997, are amended to read as follows:

3 6. Once a horse has been permitted the use of lasix, it
4 the horse must be treated with lasix in the horse's stall,
5 unless the commission provides that the horse must be brought
6 to the detention barn for treatment not-less-than-four-hours
7 prior-to-scheduled-post-time-for-the-race-in-which-it-is
8 entered-to-start. After the lasix treatment, the commission,
9 by rule, may authorize the release of the horse from the
10 horse's stall or detention barn before the scheduled post
11 time. If a horse is brought to the detention barn late, the
12 commission shall assess a civil penalty of one hundred dollars
13 against the trainer.

14 7. A horse entered to race with lasix must be treated at
15 least four hours prior to post time. The lasix shall be
16 administered intravenously by a veterinarian employed by the
17 owner or trainer of the horse under-the-visual-supervision-of
18 the-commission-veterinarian. The commission shall adopt rules
19 to ensure that lasix is administered as provided in this
20 section. The commission shall require that the practicing
21 veterinarian must-deposit-with-the-commission-veterinarian-at
22 the-detention-barn-an-unopened-supply-of-lasix-and-sterile
23 hypodermic-needles-and-syringes-to-be-used-for-the
24 administrations deliver an affidavit signed by the
25 veterinarian which certifies information regarding the
26 treatment of the horse. The affidavit must be delivered to a
27 commission veterinarian within twenty minutes following the
28 treatment. The statement shall include at least the name of
29 the practicing veterinarian, the tattoo number of the horse,
30 the location of the barn and stall where the treatment
31 occurred, the race number of the horse, the name of the
32 trainer, and the time that the lasix was administered. Lasix
33 shall only be administered in a dose level of two hundred
34 fifty milligrams. The-commission-veterinarian-shall-extract-a
35 test-sample-of-the-horse's-blood, urine, or saliva to

1 ~~determine-whether-the-horse-was-improperly-drugged-after-the~~
2 ~~race-is-run-~~

3 8. A person found within or in the immediate vicinity of
4 the detention barn or horse stall who is in possession of
5 unauthorized drugs or hypodermic needles or who is not
6 authorized to possess drugs or hypodermic needles shall, in
7 addition to any other penalties, be barred from entry into any
8 racetrack in Iowa and any occupational license the person
9 holds shall be revoked.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill allows a horse to be treated with lasix in the
12 horse's stall unless the racing and gaming commission requires
13 treatment in a detention barn. The bill requires the
14 commission to adopt rules to ensure the lawful application of
15 lasix. The veterinarian administering the lasix shall provide
16 an affidavit to the state racing and gaming commission
17 veterinarian relating to the horse's treatment. The penalty
18 for illegal administration of drugs to race horses or dogs is
19 a class "D" felony, punishable by confinement for no more than
20 five years and a fine of at least \$500 but not more than
21 \$7,500.

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